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SUBJECT: FURTHER GOV RESPONSE TO SOMOZA CLAIM OF VENEZUELAN
INTERVENTION

REF: CARACAS 3137

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ, WHILE ATTENDING THE MEETING OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA) ON APRIL 5, WAS
ASKED BY REPORTERS ABOUT GENERAL SOMOZA'S ACCUSATIONS OF
VENEZUELAN INTERVENTION IN NICARAGUAN AFFAIRS. THE
PRESIDENT REPLIED, "MANY TIMES FOR A COUNTRY WITH THE
VENEZUELAN TRADITION OF DIGNITY AND DECENCY IT IS BETTER
TO REMAIN SILENT. I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMENT TO MAKE."
THIS WAS CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE CARACAS MORNING
DAILY EL UNIVERSAL OF APRIL 6.

2. ON THE SAME FRONT PAGE, THERE IS AN AP STORY DATE-LINED
APRIL 5, MANAGUA, QUOTING AN "AMERICAN OFFICIAL WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE CARACAS CONVERSATIONS," TO THE EFFECT THAT "VENEZUELAN
PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TOLD PRESIDENT CARTER THAT THEY
WERE CONSIDERING ASKING THE OAS TO PRESSURE SOMOZA TO LEAVE OFFICE,
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BECAUSE OF HIS DEFICIENT PERFORMANCE CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS." THE
SAME U.S. OFFICIAL IS LATER QUOTED IN THE SAME STORY AS
SAYING, "WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE MEASURES WHICH MIGHT PUT US
IN THE POSITION OF BRINGING ABOUT THE DOWNFALL
OF A LEADER OF A COUNTRY." COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT
BOTH OF THESE QUOTES WERE TAKEN FROM THE BACKGROUNDER GIVEN
BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ON MARCH 29, EN ROUTE FROM CARACAS TO

BRASILIA. END COMMENT.

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